

# University escapes fuel oil shortage

by Dennis Onnen

The fuel oil shortage that has hit the Midwest will not hamper operations at UNL. Off-campus students apparently will not be left out in the cold either, according to both University, and gas and oil company officials.

"We use number six fuel oil, while the shortages have been in number two fuel oil and natural gas," said Ron Wright, assistant director of business and finance. Number six fuel oil has not been enough in demand to create a problem here, he said.

The University buys its oil one year before it is used through a competitive bid. This year the supplier is Milder Oil Company. Deliveries of oil have been normal, and Wright hasn't received word from the company of any intentions to cut back.

However, he added, UNL thermostats have been lowered voluntarily from 73 degrees to 70 degrees.

Cengas provides the University with natural gas on an interruptible basis he said. The University uses natural gas in the summer when the demand is low. Then, in winter, when

gas is needed for homes in Lincoln, a change is made to fuel oil, Wright explained.

The major cause of the shortage problem, according to C. L. Wilcox, division manager of Cengas, has been the cold weather. Cengas' customers, who include a large majority of homeowners in Lincoln, have had, and will continue to have, full service all winter, he said.

The problem has been with businesses that buy natural gas on an interruptible basis, Wilcox said. During cold spells, many businesses must rely on number two oil, which is in short supply, he said.

Cengas cut off natural gas for interruptible customers during a two-week period at the beginning of December, Wilcox said.

Oil companies in Lincoln have had problems meeting customer demands because of monthly allotments based on oil usage last year. According to Richard Leet, vice president of Amoco Fuel Oil Company, it is 30 per cent colder in the Midwest this year than last, and more fuel is being consumed.

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ASUN president Bruce Beecher Wednesday told the student Senate that the Associated Student Ko-op would begin to dispense identification cards "Monday or Tuesday, we hope."

The Ko-op has long been in the works but the actual implementation of the project has been delayed.

The project was scheduled to go into operation in early October, but, was delayed by several factors.

Apparently the biggest stumbling block was incorporating the cooperative separately from ASUN. Although incorporation procedures usually take only about two to three weeks, the process delayed the Ko-op throughout the first semester.

Also, according to Beecher, the machine which will produce the identification/membership cards has arrived.

The cards can be purchased for \$5 and

will entitle the holder to the Ko-op benefits through August 15.

Those benefits include discount rates at several local businesses, including H & A Skelly, Runza Inn, ASUN Record Store, JB's Big Boy, Schaak Electronics, Heads Together, and Kramer's Greenhouse.

The Senate, meeting in the Nebraska Union small auditorium, also approved the constitution of the Community Legal Education Project.

The Senate also accepted, with the exception of one point, a student disciplinary code drawn up by a student-faculty committee. Sen. Bill Freudenberg questioned some of the code's language pertaining to the role of the University.

The Senate voted to send that point back to the Council on Student Life for clarification.

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